
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

The Department of Defense (DoD), through the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS), issues members' eligible dependents and other eligible individuals a distinct Identification Card (ID) authorizing them to receive Uniformed Services' benefits and privileges. Normally, Guard and Reserve family members and other dependents receive a DD Form 1173-1, the DoD Guard and Reserve Dependent ID Card (red). These cards do not authorize eligibility for medical benefits and commissary privileges in and of themselves. They will assist Guard and Reserve family members in accessing these privileges when accompanied by a copy of the service member's orders to active duty or a commissary privilege card. The cards do authorize access to exchange and certain morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) privileges.

The DD Form 1173-1 serves as proof that individuals have been pre-enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS). This is an important first step in obtaining family member and dependent medical treatment when the service member is called to active duty for 31 consecutive days or more. When the service member is called to active duty for more than 30 days, part of the processing for entry on active duty should be the completion of a DD Form 1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card – DEERS Enrollment for each eligible family member and legal dependent. This application, along with surrender of the DD Form 1173-1, will allow family members and dependents to receive the DD Form 1173 (tan). These cards will authorize appropriate medical, commissary, exchange and MWR benefits and privileges for the period of active duty specified on the members' orders.

Family members and eligible dependents are required to report to a RAPIDS ID Card issuing site in order to be issued the appropriate ID Card. Ask your command or unit Family Readiness Office for a list of ID Card issuing locations in your area.

BE SURE TO CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, DOCUMENTATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION.

For additional information see: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites/>